**Mr. Paul Mampilli.**—How many years ago did Mr. Dann report on the scheme ?

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.**—I want notice.

## Appointment of Committees.

**342. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state—

whether they have promised to appoint committees to visit hospitals in the State during the discussion of a cut motion in the last budget session; if so, whether they have appointed such committees; if not, why not?

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.**—There was no promise; but what the Government expressed was that they had no objection for the appointment of honorary visitors to the hospitals and that the matter will be considered.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Whether any honorary visitors were appointed to the hospitals after this ?

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.**—Only to the Leper hospital and the Mental hospital.

**Dr. A. R. Menon.**—Well, that does not arise here. There were honorary visitors to these hospitals even before the passing of the cut motion. The cut motion on the question was withdrawn on the promise made by the Government to accept the principle raised in the cut. Did the Chief Medical Officer bring this fact to the notice of the Government ?

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.**—No.

**Dr. A. R. Menon.**—May I know why this matter was not brought to the Government ?

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.**—Usually orders are passed by the Government. We never remind the Government.

**Dr. A. R. Menon.**—Does not the Medical Officer take any initiative in any matter connected with hospitals ?

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.**—Not generally.

**Dr. A. R. Menon.**—In the extension of the Leper Asylum I mean the Lunatic Asylum did not the Medical Officer take the initiative ?

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.**—There was a report to the Government from me.

**Dr. A. R. Menon.**—The Medical Officer takes the initiative in some matters. Why did he not take any action on this matter ? Is it not his duty to inform the Government that on such and such a promise such and such a cut motion was withdrawn. We see that such visitors are appointed in all British Hospitals. It is not a new innovation here. I would like to know why he did not report the matter to the Government. Is

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it that the Medical Officer thinks that it is dangerous to appoint such visitors ?

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.**—That I have not mentioned anywhere.

**Dr. A. R. Menon.**—Is it not the duty of the Chief Medical Officer to bring such things for the well being of the Medical institutions to the notice of the Diwan ?

**Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.**—It was an omission.

## Circle Inspector—appointment of

343. **Mr. K. Ayyappan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) is it not a fact that high promotions are given to officers having departmental test qualifications and other special qualifications prescribed for the higher posts even ignoring the seniority of those who do not possess such qualifications and has it not been done in the offices of the Heads of Departments and also in the Huzur even in making acting appointments;

(b) is there any graduate in the Cochin Government service, except Mr. A. R. Raman, who has served at least for three years as Revenue Inspector and who also possesses the other qualifications prescribed in the Standing Orders for a Tahsildar;

(c) was not an Excise Sub-Inspector recently appointed to act as Circle Inspector and was he not chosen for the promotion because he had higher qualifications than his seniors in service;

(d) in what grade of pay was the acting Circle Inspector working before he was put in the leave arrangement, and what is the pay of a Circle Inspector;

(e) what is the present grade of pay of Mr. A. R. Raman and what is the pay of a Deputy Tahsildar;

(f) was not the acting Circle Inspector only a second grade Sub-Inspector and is not Mr. Raman a first grade Revenue Inspector;

(g) what is the total service of each of these two officers, and in what all capacities have they worked till now and how long in each capacity;

(h) is not Mr. Raman the senior-most among the graduate Revenue Inspectors of the State and is he not the Revenue Inspector of the head-quarter firkah?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.**—(a) Yes, for ordinary promotions from one grade to another.

(b) No.

(c) The Excise Sub-Inspector referred to alone had the necessary qualification fixed under S. O. 368 (3) of the Excise Manual for appointment as Circle Inspector.

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